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Reverend Father Waggett Speaks

On Sunday last the College was very fortunate in having the opportunity to hear Father Philip N. Waggett, a member of the Order of St. John the Evangelist at Westminster, England. While his address was preeminently for the student-body, a large number from Clinton and Utica were present. Father Waggett is a graduate of Oxford University and shows a keen and sympathetic insight into student life. His unaffected manner and forcefulness unite in a way to make him a very impressive speaker.

The theme of his discourse was: How to perform One's Duty to God by our Relations to Men. It is a difficult matter for young men, he said, to find a medium between being too pushing and grasping and, on the other hand, too reserved and cowardly. Either state is bad; so we are constantly in danger of becoming over-ambitious or slothful. In College, as elsewhere, we find these two classes of men. Some men are ever trying to get ahead and are loathe to play a game unless they can win. Others habitually shrink from opportunity and advancement and hide their talents. Too many men are always mourning for lost opportunities. There are many humble people in the world even if they are scarce in America.

One is what he is because of the rest. We should avoid neither the highest nor the lowest place, because ours is a corporate life. If we remember that we are of the body of Christ we will be content with the high or low place. Let us never shrink from promotion. The fear of a thing is the desire of it turned wrong side out and either is a kind of egoism. If one considers that these things come from God he will be freed from

sloth and ambition. If you have the brains to take you to the top it is criminal not to reach it. Alone a man is nothing; we are each a part of an organic whole.

Half the men here have longed for a vocation. Some know what they are going to do; others are praying that their choice may be directed by God, and are discussing the matter with their friends. A call consists in part of a calculation of one's fitness. But first we must inhere in the body, for the man who wants to know his vocation must be sure of his place in the body. Some men are like a deceased member of the body which does not receive the commands of the brain and so does not perform its functions. Let me inhere in the body then I shall know if I am obeying God's commands.

This principle of man's being an organic part of the social body is helpful in making our lives pure. Men divide their lives into two halves: Charity to their fellow men, and duty towards God. In the time of trial, man lets go one half, forgetting his attitude toward other men. It is when we pray for others that God comes to us most closely. When we pray without including other men we are out of the body. Charity is the road of light.

We are so intimately bound together that your own private action in a trial counts for everybody. An untruth injures the whole fibre of one's own life and every evil deed brings a curse upon the whole race and upon generations still unborn. There are things in my past life that have taken from me the power of speaking to you as I otherwise might. The influence of things done in College is so lasting upon me that it can harm those with

whom I meet. Thus the little things in life come to have momentous consequences.

Therefore, I must remember that I live not for myself alone but rather for my fellow men whom He has made. With this thought constantly in mind I will feel that I am doing God's work whether in high or in low position.

LaFayette vs. Hamilton

Last Saturday the Varsity played LaFayette College at Easton, Pa., and was defeated by a score of 43-0. The field was fast but it was of as much advantage to the home team by virtue of its speedy back-field as to the Varsity; for LaFayette, in addition to being a heavy team, both in the line and the backs, played with a snap and dash that very few heavy teams possess. It was our team's initial appearance in this territory and this fact, perhaps, accounted for the traces of stage-fright that were discernible in the men. The fellows, however, created a favorable impression, living up to Hamilton's reputation for gameness and skill.

The score does not tell the full story of the contest. The big LaFayette back-field by no means went through our line at will, but several times were held for downs. On the other hand, we made repeated gains on forward passes and off-tackle bucks. More than once, by consecutive runs of from 5 to 20 yards, the ball was brought within drop-kicking distance of LaFayette's goal, but the successful drop-kick was not forth-coming. Quarter-back Flad made 4 of LaFayette's points on a drop-kick from the 40-yard line. His first attempt, though successful, did not count because of his team's penalization. His second try went between the bars with exactly the same

accuracy as the first. Such perfection was typical of the whole of LaFayette's play. Her interference not only took out the defensive ends and half-backs, but stayed right with the man who carried the ball until he was finally downed.

The game on the whole was snappy, clean and good to look at. LaFayette was penalized five times and Hamilton once, but in addition to this penalty Hamilton suffered severely from two costly fumbles. The playing was stiff throughout, with plenty of brilliancy and individual starrng. Chalmers in particular was the stellar luminary of the contest. It is claimed, with reason, by some of the Pennsylvania enthusiasts, that the brand of play he put up in the game last Saturday made him an All-American possibility. As for the Hamilton stars they were as usual hard to pick. No one on the team sought to shine, but each tried to help the other to the exclusion of spectacular brilliancy. White and Sidle, however, deserved much recognition for their gameness in playing as well and as long as they did, in spite of severe injuries sustained early in the contest.

The one really sensational incident of the game occurred in the second-half. Welch kicked-off to Chalmers, but as Hamilton had been off-side the umpire immediately blew his whistle, so that consequently everyone stopped under the delusion that the ball had been called out of play. Chalmers, however, went right on. He loped leisurely down the field through the inactive groups of both Hamilton and LaFayette players and after no little amount of hesitancy put the ball down between the goal-posts. But Chalmers had been right. After our being off-side at the kick-off, LaFayette had the option of either taking the play as it stood or having the ball kicked-off again. Of course LaFayette chose the play as it stood which, since the ball was between the posts, netted them another touch-down.

The line-up was as follows:

LaFayette 43		Hamilton 0
Shenk	left end,	Leavenworth
Ellicott	left tackle,	Osborn (Kellogg)

Rogers	left guard,	Glover
Ayerigg	center,	Williams
Logan	right guard,	Cody (Thomas)
Kilpatrick	right tackle,	McLean
Wylie(Urwitz)	right end,	Harper
Flad	quarterback,	Holley (Capt.)
Chalmers	left halfback,	Sidle(Richardson)
Darsie	right halfback,	Welch
McCaa	fullback,	White (Daly)

Touch-downs. McCaa 4, Shenk 1, Chalmers 1, Urwitz 1. Goals from touch-down, Chalmers 3, McCaa 1. Field goal, Flad. Referee, McCarthy, Germantown. Umpire, Fultz of Brooklyn. Head linesman, Sulzer of LaFayette. Time of halves, 25 and 15 minutes.

The New Catalog

The Ninty-Sixth Annual Catalog of Hamilton College for 1907-08 was received from the press and distributed among the students last Monday. This edition, on the whole, is identical with its predecessors, although there are some changes important and worthy of mention in this issue.

The most striking alteration is noticed on page 18, under the estimate of annual expenses. In the 1907 catalog, Board is placed at from \$4.00 to \$5.00, as against \$3.50 to \$4.00 of previous years. Fuel, light and laundry bills are correspondingly higher. Beginning September, 1908, \$90 will be exacted for tuition, instead of \$75, with an increase of from \$2.00 per term on contingent charge. This makes an increase of from \$40 to \$65 on the estimated annual expenses.

It is far from the purpose of LIFE to make criticism of any action taken by College authorities, knowing that whatever is done, is done for the best interest of Hamilton by her most faithful alumni, men of wide experience and unerring judgment.

It would seem, however, to one unfamiliar with the inside workings of the College, that to make an increase in cost of tuition and contingent charges and offset it by no additional scholarships or other inducements for entering men, would have a decided tendency to decrease the number of men in the entering classes. What Hamilton needs most today is more men. There is no immediate danger of a "mere lust of numbers." To make Hamilton the mother of 300 loyal, steadfast men

should be our object.

The catalog has for a frontispiece a beautiful half-tone print of the Chapel. The Hamilton Catalog compares very favorably with those of other institutions. It is compact, concise, well-arranged and readily understood.

Today's Game

Below are given the scores of the last five games which the Varsity has played with Rochester. This will give a fair idea of the relative strength of the teams in previous years.

1902	Hamilton	42	Rochester	0
1903	"	11	"	6
1904	"	28	"	5
1905	"	29	"	0
1906	"	21	"	0

Today the Varsity plays Rochester on their own field. A recent clipping from the Rochester "Democrat and Chronicle" announces that "The Varsity is working hard for Saturday's game. The men would rather win this game than any other on the schedule and will do their prettiest to win." Our team has also worked this past week and is quite confident of the victory. It is unfortunate that White cannot play. Being necessarily out of the game, Daly or Richardson will doubtless take his place. Harper's sprained ankle may make a substitute necessary at end and in that case Roenke will probably play. The team is crippled, but it is a Hamilton team and knows what to do to Rochester.

Life Board Meeting

Monday night at 7:15 there will be a meeting of the Life Board in Number Eight, Carnegie. This is a business meeting, so be prompt.

Press Club Meeting

On Thursday, the 10th, a meeting of the Press Club was held in Chapel. The treasurer presented bills which were ordered payed by assessment. The meeting then adjourned until Monday the 21st, at 1:30 p. m. in the Chapel, when the Election of Officers for this current year will take place. Everyone interested, whether a member or not, please be present.

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THE CRIPPLED CONDITION of the football team today, partly as a result of the LaFayette game, again calls the attention of the College to the advisability of including in the schedule such teams as Syracuse and LaFayette—unless some especially favorable financial inducements are offered.

The Cornell game may be an exception, coming as it does after three weeks of practice for Hamilton, while it is practically a preliminary work-out for the Big Red Team. In this game, as a result of the advantage that the team has over her opponents, Hamilton invariably makes a creditable showing and sustains comparatively few injuries. On the other hand, the LaFayette game last week called for the greatest possible exertion on the part of the team and consequently several of the Varsity men will be unable to be in the Rochester game on Saturday. Thus our chances of rolling up a big score against that university will be greatly lessened.

What is even more to be regretted is the fact that the Syracuse game is followed the next week by Union and is only two weeks before the Colgate game. For this contest the team must

be in the very best of condition if we wish to gain a decisive victory.

The whole thing amounts to this: By playing teams that are out of our class—financial inducements not considered—we are not only badly defeated, but our teams are often crippled to such an extent that we lose games with teams of our own class that we would otherwise win easily. This is a matter which is deserving of serious consideration on the part of the Advisory Board and Managers.

IN THIS ISSUE of LIFE we publish a communication from an Alumnus which we commend to the serious consideration of the College. Not only is this article extremely timely and interesting, but also is an indication of the proper attitude on the part of our graduates. The complaint is often made by the Alumni that LIFE publishes too much College news and not enough articles relating to graduates, activities and things interesting to those out of College. Our answer to this comes in two sections—that the "Lit" covers this field fully every month in its Alumniana and that LIFE cannot publish interesting articles on Alumni activities if they will not take sufficient interest to send the material for such. We can't know here on the Hill what all our Alumni are doing. When we find out we'll chronicle the facts, but we first must have the information.

NO DOUBT THE WORDS that greeted the most of us as we showed up on the Hill again this Fall were, "Have you heard that Sunday Chapel is to be at four o'clock in the afternoon?" After the usual phrases of incredulence were uttered and "fact," "know it for certain," and like expressions were used for emphasis, we no doubt responded in such trite phrases as: "the limit," "rotten," etc.

But is it "the limit?" Everyone knows that the custom of excusing certain persons from Sunday Chapel was unjust. It was unjust only in that it was grossly misused. Of course, there are many fellows in College who live in the neighborhood

and who would like to spend Sunday at home. So the appeal was made that they desired to go to church with the family. Now the injustice arose from the fact that a fellow was excused by merely being put on his honor to attend one specific church every Sunday when he was not present in Chapel, and furthermore, that his word was all that was required to demonstrate that he had lived up to the agreement.

It would not be right to maintain that the privilege was misused by all who enjoyed it, but a certain percentage went to Church in their own rooms clad in a bath robe and reading the new Bible, the illustrated Sunday newspaper or even, maybe, had the decency to sleep through the sermon in their own beds instead of in the family pew. And the fact remains that the Sunday Chapel excuse meant, for some at least, Sunday off, every Sunday.

Then there is another, perhaps a more important reason, why Chapel is changed to the afternoon. We are the students of Hamilton College. We, most of us at least, let us hope all, have joined ourselves and our interests to this College entirely of our own volition. We are here for the primarily important reason that we want an education; moreover, we want our characters built up and we want to get started right. If we stop to forget the inconvenience of giving up Sunday afternoon calls in Utica and elsewhere, we will all admit that the best way to get our good thoughts for the week is *all together* in Sunday Chapel. We can't get better ones anywhere else and it is supremely fitting that we, the students of Hamilton College, should get our religious training from her hands.

A Graduate Editor Protests

The following found its way into our mail-box. We publish it gladly, and we agree in the main with its sentiments. We cannot forego saying however, that our Alumnus evidently took the critique in question more seriously than it was intended, and seems to

have read into it much undesigned malice.

To the Editor of Life:

The critique of "Lit." which pre-empted two columns in your issue of Saturday last is an offense against the tradition of Hamilton spirit, and a violation even of the rough-shod proprieties which have hitherto restricted LIFE's policy in college matters. The flagrant abuse of your reviewer's privilege, in singling out for unreasoning disparagement any man who is giving his best to Hamilton, according to the lines of his ability, merits for your reviewer the hearty contempt of every undergraduate mature enough to grasp and define the ethics of our college life. If this sort of thing is to go on uncensored in your issues, you have yourself to thank for the certain extinction of creative literary work in Hamilton—a feature upon which we have always depended for much of our prestige in scholastic circles—because no man can be expected to make his imagination a public target for vitriol-slinging vindictiveness, either to gratify an apathetic board of editors, or to keep up the loudly-scorned standards of student literature.

If a man goes out for football, you encourage him, and you lash the patient enthusiasm of the student-body to constant activity as a stimulus to his efforts, and this is as it should be.

If a man wins for Hamilton a public honor—the Rhodes Scholarship, for example—you are loudest in voicing our congratulations upon his success, yet for the man who strives in all earnestness to develop literary ability, and thereby to improve that literary "criterion by which our neighbors judge us" as your caustic critic has it, you have only a relentless discouragement, which is a sad inconsistency in your interpretation of Hamilton ideals.

The tenor of the recent critique first drew my attention to the story which bears the brunt of its obloquy, and I feel bound to say that though much in that ingenious offering could be remedied under a competent dissecting-knife, yet the jabs and gashes of your amateurish critic were undis-

cerning, undeserved, and the height of bad taste at an autopsy. I make this defense of the airship story, not because I think it needs defending, or that the author is in any danger of premature demise from cardiac fracture, but because I do not want prospective new contributors to the "Lit." discouraged from contributing by the conclusion that, in their efforts, virtue must be not only its own sole reward, but its own punishment as well.

Now let us have a revision of this policy of yours in criticising "Lit.", etc.—that will make these criticisms a friendly aid to the criticised, and, in general, a credit to the college.

A GRADUATE EDITOR.

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Football Schedule

The Football schedule for the season of 1907 is as follows:

Sept. 28	Cazenovia S. 0	Hamilton 32
Oct. 2	Cornell U. 23	Hamilton 0
" 5	St. Lawrence U. 0	Hamilton 10
" 12	LaFayette C. 43	Hamilton 0
" 19	Rochester U.	at Rochester
" 26	Syracuse U.	at Syracuse
Nov. 2	Union U.	at Clinton
" 9	Colgate U.	at Hamilton

Exchanges

At Columbia 67 per cent. of the regular freshmen are excluded from athletics on account of conditions and 75 per cent. of those in the science courses. The ruling went into effect this year and a petition is being made to repeal it.

The Utica Observer remarks with some horror that "the 'open season' of football is at hand, when it is lawful for one player to kill another whenever and wherever he is beefy enough to administer the quietus."

Y. M. C. A Notes

At the regular meeting tomorrow the annual report from the delegates to the Northville Convention will be made. Those who attended the Convention last June are Bate and Kellogg, '08, Conklin, Kneeland, Spencer, '09, and Knox, '10.

The fraternity Bible Study Classes are to be conducted this year on the same plan as last year. The Normal Class will meet weekly with Professor Miller to discuss the lesson for the following Sunday. Spencer, '09, is conducting the Freshman Bible Study.

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COLLEGE NOTES

— Newton, '08, has tendered a dinner to the Latin class.

— Harper, '10, sprained his ankle in practice Wednesday.

— Through an error the name of O'Brien, '11, was omitted from the Catalog.

— Colgate is to close her football season this year with a game against Wesleyan at Utica on November 16.

— Springstead, '05, Thompson, '05, Thompson, '06, Gordon and Meeker, '07, were at the LaFayette game last Saturday.

— Barrows, '07, has been successful in his army examinations at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He will return to Clinton this month.

— Nellis, '06, is playing regular guard and Bennett, '06 substitute tackle on the Union Football team. Union seems to have every confidence that

she will beat us this year and has an abundance of money to wager as proof of conviction.

— White, '08, Kneeland, '09, and Leavenworth, '09, are attending the Delta Upsilon Convention at Minneapolis, Minn. They will return on Monday.

— The standing in the Freshman LIFE competition is as follows: Mitchell, Sidle, Gouge, Parry, Flagler, Westcott, Willard, Day, Jones, and Sheffield.

— Many men will be greatly inconvenienced by the arrangements made by Lewis, '09, for the semi-daily delivery of packages between the Hill and Clinton.

— The Home Telephone Co., has again raised its rates in Clinton and the subscribers are on a strike as a result. They just leave the receiver off the hook and never use the phone.

— The Freshman and Sophomore classes have each received a bill of \$45 from George H. Allen for payment of damages done to his property on "Paint" night.

— "The Mice Will Play" is being rehearsed diligently by the Dramatic Club for Fall reproduction. It will in all probability be presented at Little Falls, Ilion, Rome and perhaps Utica before the end of this term.

— The Fall Track Meet at Colgate resulted in a victory for the class of 1911. As the class of 1910 won the meet last year but could not beat the Freshmen this year, it would seem that Colgate's prospects are unpleasantly brilliant.

— Little "Job-lot" football games have been the vogue during the week. They are excellent fun, full of benefit, and should be more prevalent. The "Job-lots" idea is what modern thinkers are trying to instil into the college world.

— About the middle of February, if we do not look out, the mournful wail will go up: "Where is our inter-collegiate debating?" We can forestall such a state of affairs by a little early attention. Now is the time.

— Tuesday, Thursday and Friday are the appointed days for side-line activity. Let not a man fail to appear on those days and let every one learn every song and cheer that he is expected to know.

— Copies of the Catalog may be obtained at the Library. Names of those who intend entering Hamilton or who have not yet made up their minds as to a college should be handed to the Librarian and Catalogs will be sent to these men. This is an excellent way of letting outsiders know where we are and what we are doing, and it has often lead to the obtaining of a good man.

Everybody There!

The Football team will arrive in Utica from Rochester about 10:20 tonight. Let every man, that can, be at the station so we may give them a welcome that will in some way betoken a little appreciation.

Meeting of Lit. Board

A special meeting of the Lit. Board was called on Friday, October 11. W. B. Simmons, '08, the Editor-in-Chief, resigned his position. Woollcott, '09, was elected in his place.

Trustee Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the Trustees of the College was held on Tuesday last at 2 p. m., in Truax Hall. Those present were Pres. M. W. Stryker, General C. H. Smyth, Franklin D. Locke, George E. Dunham, Alexander C. Soper, Charles B. Rogers, Samuel F. Engs, James S. Sherman, Samuel H. Adams, Hon. F. W. Griffith, Rev. David Wills Jr. In the absence of Hon. George Diven, the president of the board, Hon. Franklin D. Locke was made chairman *pro tem*. President Stryker reported informally on college affairs. There are six more students than last year and the conditions connected with the undergraduate body are excellent. Mr. Rogers, treasurer, reported as to the funds and their investment. Various matters of interest to the college were discussed at length, and some plans outlined for the future.

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